

## Important Dates 2024

- 4/1 **Enrollment Deadline**
- Attend **ONE Quality Assurance training** (all animals exhibiting at the fair must attend one of these sessions)
  - 3/12 6:30-7:30pm at Fairgrounds
  - 3/16 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
  - 4/13 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
  - 4/21 5:00-6:00pm at Fairgrounds
- Enroll in Fair Show Classes via Blue Ribbon from May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Livestock **Judging** and **Skill-a-thon** (July 13<sup>th</sup> 8am- noon)
- **Fair Move in on 7/14/24** from 2:00-5:00pm
- **Show at the Ottawa County Fair- July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**
- **Livestock Sale** on 7/19/24
- **Barn Meeting**

**Remember to thank your buyer(s) after the sale!**

## Rabbit Committee Contacts

### Questions about your Rabbit Project?

Contact a member of the Ottawa County 4-H Rabbit Department.

### Rabbit Department Superintendents:

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## Species Guide for First Year Projects



## Rabbit



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## Considering a Rabbit Project?

Keep in mind the following project descriptions and requirements for a Ottawa County 4-H Rabbit Project.

- The **Pet Rabbit** project is meant for household pets living in the home or mixed breed animals. *It is not exhibited at the fair*
- The **Breeding Rabbit** project is for any pure-bred rabbit and it does not mean you need to breed the rabbit.
- The **Market Rabbit** project is a pen of three rabbits sold at the Ottawa County Fair.
- There are 49 recognized rabbit breeds.
- Rabbits can be raised in town or in the country & is a relatively inexpensive project.

### Members must:

- ☐ Enroll in 4-H by the April 1st Deadline
- ☐ Purchase the animal by deadline listed in fairbook
- ☐ Rabbit tattoo date will be announced.
- ☐ Attend Quality Assurance training (excluding pet rabbit)
- ☐ Complete Project Book and attend Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon (July)
- ☐ Bring rabbit to the Fair at scheduled check in time

## Recommended Items

- Purchase a Rabbit Resource Book

## Resources for Rabbit Projects

### Ottawa County 4-H Handbook on OSU

**Website** – <https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-handbook-0>

### Ottawa County Fair Handbook on OSU

**Website** <https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ottawa-county-fair>

## Equipment & Cost Considerations

- Space required: Cage suited to size of your chosen breed. Ranges from 18"x24" to 30" x 36"
- Very few breeds should be housed on a solid floor surface
- Costs of Rabbits can vary
- Cost of feeds can vary
- A clean continuous water supply is needed
- Cages must always be out of the sun



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## Exhibiting a Rabbit Project

- A 4-H member will be able to show rabbits in showmanship, market, or breed show class
- Showmanship is a recommended class as it shows what you have learned during the project. It is encouraged, but not required.
- **Market projects weights are listed in the Jr. Fair Handbook**

### Items needed for the fair:

- Brushes
- Spray bottle
- Shampoo
- Frozen water bottles
- Food

**Dress code:** White, long sleeved shirt or lab coat. Pants with no holes. No open toed shoes.

The Ottawa  
County Fair  
Book lists all  
exhibition rules  
& requirements

## Possession/Breeding Dates

- **Breeding:** 4-H members must own no later than May 1st
- **Market:** Not older than 69 days old as of the fair.

